

NEUTRINO2014

A nighttime photograph of a cityscape, likely New York City, featuring a river, a bridge, and a highway with long-exposure light trails from cars. The city skyline is visible in the background with many lit-up buildings.

Welcome

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Boston is known as an educational center. There are 60 colleges and universities within the Route 128 ring road, with a total of 250,000 students.

Nine of these are research universities, and, as our tee shirt indicates, faculty from four of these universities made up the Local Organizing Committee.

Of these 60 institutions, Boston University is the largest, with 32,000 students, and Harvard University is, by far, the oldest, founded in 1636.



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Boston is among the oldest US cities. It was founded in 1630.

Its age and a dose of Yankee orneriness often combine to make it difficult for visitors to find their way:



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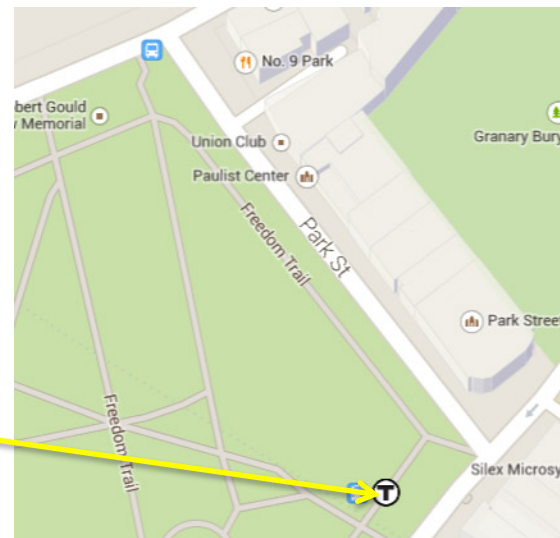
All of the inconveniences I have indicated so far can be alleviated by modern ubiquitous GPS systems.

But wait, an example...

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However, it is well known for two things:

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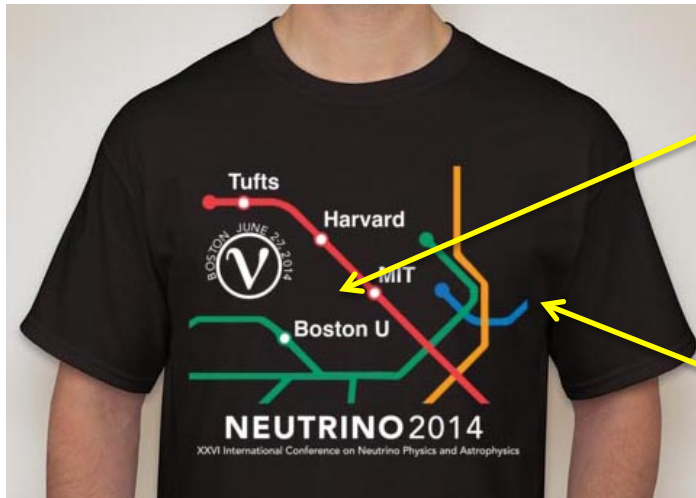
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Moving on to the conference, we have planned two social events, both in interesting places.



This evening, a welcome reception at the MIT Museum.

Wednesday evening, a banquet at the New England Aquarium.

Thursday is a free day and we have arranged a number of tours with a commercial company for those of you who are interested. They have set up a desk in the lobby.

However, for those of you who would prefer to stay in Boston, there is a long list of sightseeing on the conference web site.

I would like to recommend two in particular.

The traditional Boston walk is along the Freedom Trail, which visits 16 historical sites.

The final site is a visit aboard the USS Constitution. Launched in 1797, it is a fully commissioned ship of the US Navy and the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world.

You can pick up self-guided tour information or a guided tour at the Tourist Information Office outside of the Park Street T Station.



The Museum of Fine Arts is a world-class museum. It is a 26-minute walk from here and is also reachable by T via the outbound Green Line E Train from Copley Square Station.

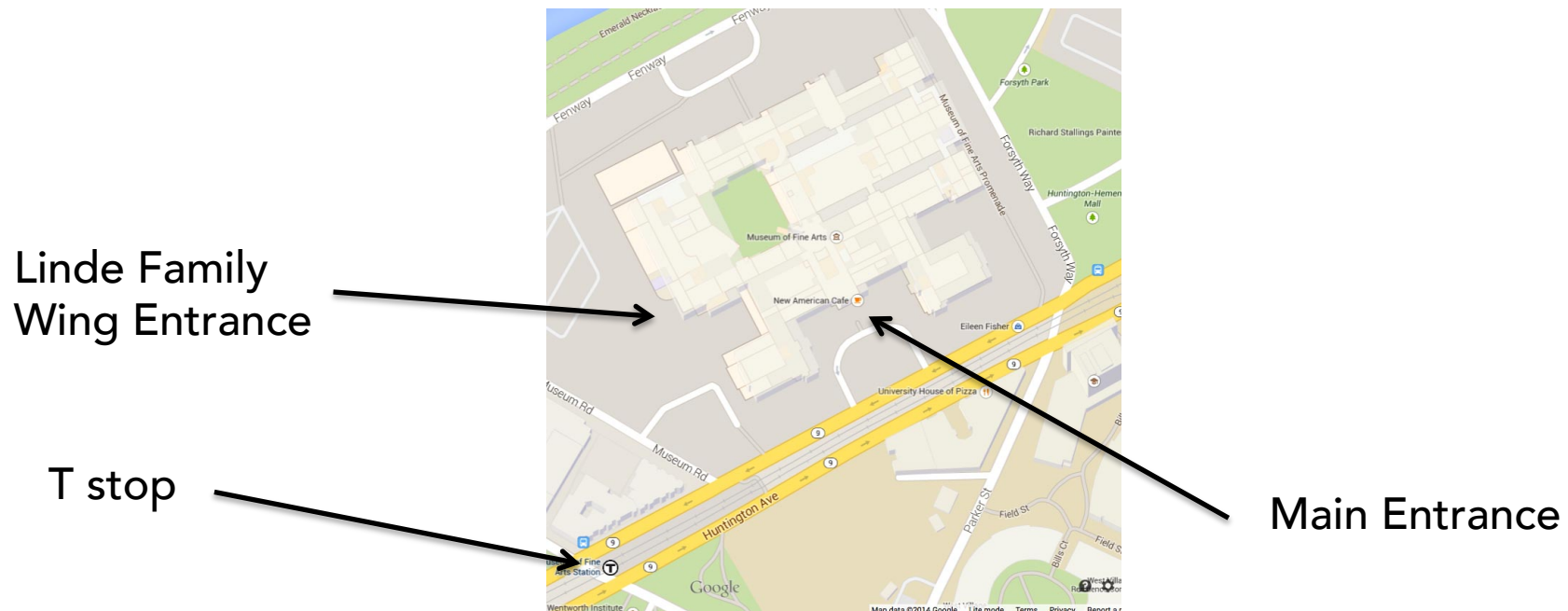


For accompanying people, my wife, Fran Feldman, has organized a docent tour of "Highlights of the Museum of Fine Arts" on Wednesday morning.

The conference will cover both the museum entry fee and the docent fee.

Please meet at the Linde Family Wing Entrance off of Museum Road at 10:20 am. As you face the main entrance on Huntington Avenue, it is on the left side of the building. It is also the closest entrance to the T stop.

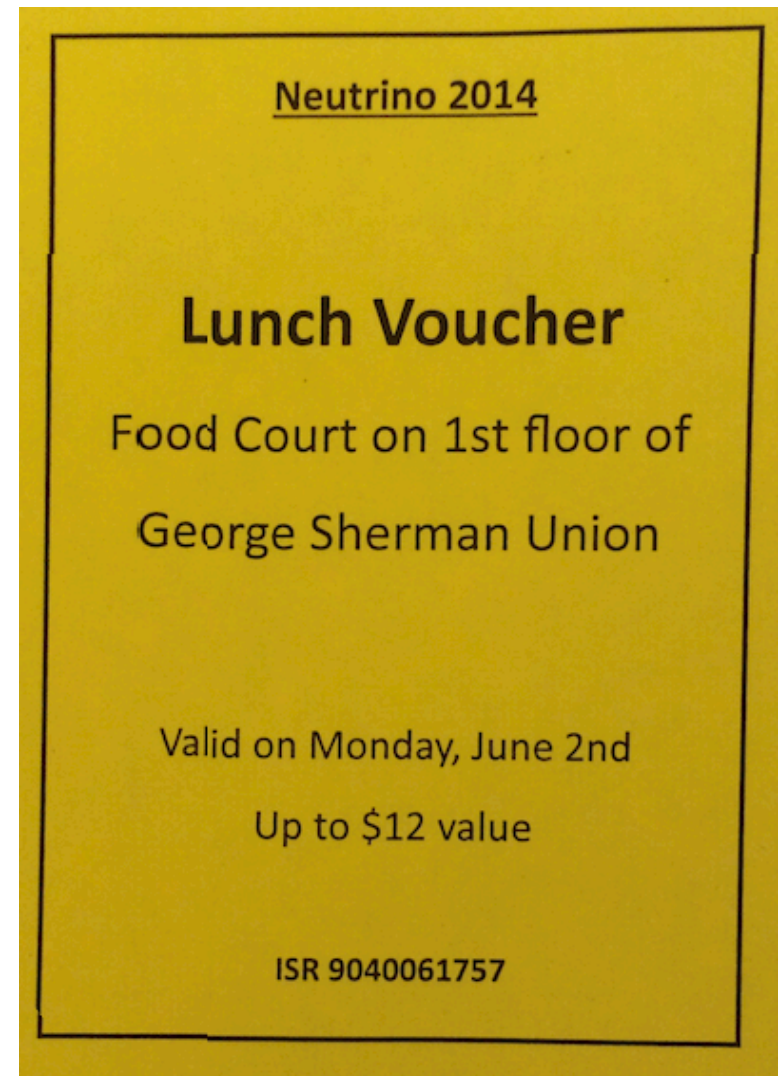
Please email fyfeldman@gmail.com and let her know your companion is coming.



We now have approximately 550 registered participants in this conference. This is somewhat more than we counted on, so we can offer to cover lunches for the four conference days, MWTF.

Today, we have lunch vouchers available for the food court on the first floor.

Starting tomorrow, we will have some options at a nearby dining hall.



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